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PRESIDENTIAL STAMPS READY

First Day Dates announced for first four low value stamps.

½c Benjamin Franklin—May 19 from Philadelphia, Pa.

2c John Adams—June 3 from Washington, D. C.

Now that a portion of the Presidential Stamps have been issued collectors will no longer wish to buy envelopes in complete sets. We will however continue to sell Presidential sets of covers as listed in our annual price list, but these sets will show only the 31 presidents, 29 deceased and two living presidents.

We recommend that in the future, collectors buy covers for each stamp or group of stamps as announced. Place your orders as soon as the offers are made and do not be disappointed on account of slow mail delivery. The best way to be sure to get the envelopes as quickly as announced is on our cover subscription plan.

THE WHITE HOUSE

The newest change in the Presidential stamps places the White House on the 4½c stamp, moves all the presidents from Monroe to the 5c stamp and others up one value to include Cleveland on a 22c value. Collectors who have already bought our Presidential sets and thus do not have this new cover can order this cover alone to fill their sets. Prices for these covers are postpaid, by parcel mail.

1 for 6c; 3 for 8c; 5 for 10c; 12 for 20c; 15 for 25c; 40 for 50c; 100 for $1.00

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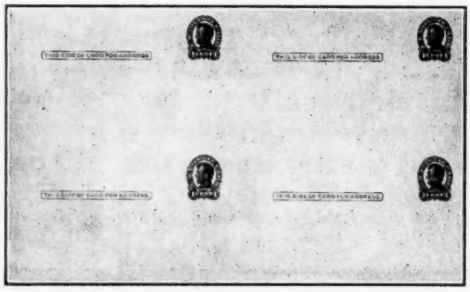

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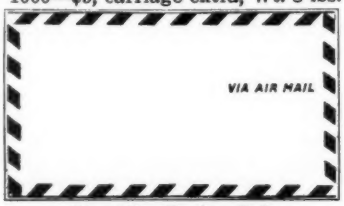

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Clarke's Centennial Express

By REDFORD H. DIBBLE

Managing Editor, Rapid City (S. Dakota) Daily Journal.

WHEN a plane of the Wyoming Air Service swooped down on Rapid City's new airport, April 14, and took off again with pouches of United States mail, another milestone had been passed.

First by stagecoach line and plains freighters, then by railroad and automobile, mail, since the first letters were brought into the Hills in 1876, has been sent into and out of Rapid City by practically every known method except water.

The first man to bring mail into the Black Hills in any manner or form was Henry Tefft Clarke, once an Omaha, Neb., businessman; later a transportation pioneer in the west.

Henry Clarke built a bridge over the North Platte River three miles from Bridgeport, Neb., at the request of Omaha merchants who wanted access to the west. The government furnished Clarke with plans for a fort at one edge of the bridge, and it became Fort Clarke, and provided him with cavalry companies for protection from Indians.

The government also gave Clarke a contract to carry army mail from Fort Sidney to Camp Clarke and Fort Robinson.

In July, 1876, Clarke established the Clarke Centennial Pony Express, with mail service on his own account, to all points in the Black Hills at 10 cents per letter, in addition to the government charge of three cents. The government declined to give Clarke a mail contract into this section. It was against its policy inasmuch as the Black Hills had been designated as Indian country and the whites ordered to keep out.

An advertisement of the pony express was printed on the back and front of 3c green 1876 Centennial government stamped envelopes for Clarke by the late Joseph A. Gossage at Sidney, later founder of the Rapid City Journal.

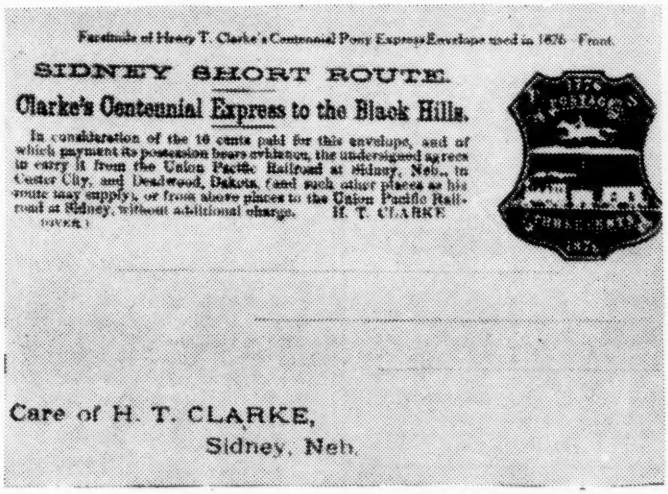
Henry Clarke's pony express, therefore, brought the first mail into the Black Hills. In the fall of 1876, Clarke established a stage line to Deadwood, with John Brennan as agent in Rapid City. The line was operated until July 1, 1878, when Clarke sold it to Salisbury, Gilmer and Patrick.

Henry Clarke was born April 26, 1834, and died Feb. 3, 1913.

The line established by Clarke was for many years the only way in which mail was received in Rapid City, although later, as pioneers began to push across the plains, mule trains, wagon trains and stage coaches from Pierre brought mail.

By 1877 efforts to keep the whites out of the Indian country had practically failed and, through treaties, the area was opened by the government and postal service established.

Brennan, agent for the stagecoach line, was the logical man for postmaster; indeed, he had been carrying on the duties unofficially for some time. Accordingly, when the first postoffice was es-



Facsimile of Henry T. Clarke's Centennial Pony Express Envelope used in 1876 - Front.

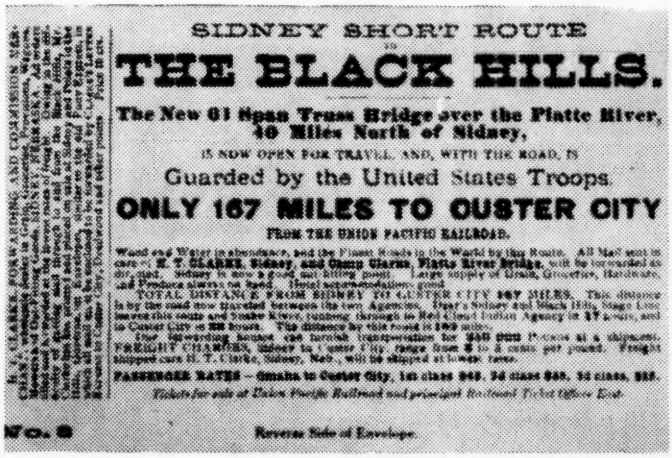
SIDNEY SHORT ROUTE.

Clarke's Centennial Express to the Black Hills.

In consideration of the 10 cents paid for this envelope, and of which payment its possession bears evidence, the undersigned agrees to carry it from the Union Pacific Railroad at Sidney, Neb., to Custer City, and Deadwood, Dakota, (and such other places as his route may supply), or from above places to the Union Pacific Railroad at Sidney, without additional charge. H. T. CLARKE

(OVER.)

Care of H. T. CLARKE,
Sidney, Neb.



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No. 8 Reverse Side of Envelope.

—Cuts courtesy of Rapid City Daily Journal.

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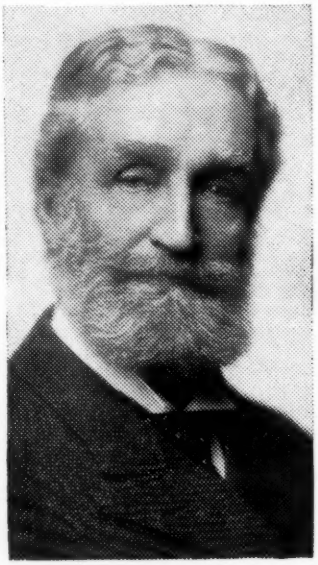
tablished here March 27, 1877, he was named postmaster.

Stagecoach lines were established in new directions and freighters pushed across the country from the east. Many



HENRY TEFFT CLARKE
Founder and Operator of Clarke's Centennial Express

of them carried mail and Rapid City began to develop into a natural center for Black Hills distribution.

July 4, 1886, while Schnasse was postmaster, a still more decisive change was made. The railroad reached Rapid City, and with it arrived what was then considered "real speedy" mail service.

With the coming of the automobile, this means of quick service was put into use for rural delivery and short runs between towns. Now with the coming of the airmail it will bring in mail to Rapid City for onward transmission by that means. Mails of today travel by air in a few minutes the entire distance of Henry Clarke's Express which took many hours of tedious travel in 1876.

CONSTITUTION STAMPS

Brazil (1)	.06	Guatemala Sheet	.65
Dominican (3)	.25	1c single	.04
Ecuador (14)	1.25	Honduras	.45
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The guiding hand of the Fort Hamilton Philatelic Society is E. M. Ladley, now serving his second term as President. Mr. Ladley is assistant to the City Manager of Hamilton, Ohio, as well as Director of Civil Service. The club will hold its third annual banquet on Monday, May 9th, with floor show and bourse as stellar attractions. The Secretary is Albert E. Tabler, 852 Greenwood Ave., Hamilton.

Subscription Prices

We still believe that the reason we were forced to abandon our subscription price of 25c per year and five years for one dollar was solely because some rival publisher complaind of competition. If we cannot make such an offer we fail to understand how such an offer can be made by other stamp papers. We have before us now a large circular illustrated with many sets of stamps and the prospective subscriber is offered his choice of the sets and a years subscription for 25c. These sets are priced by Scott at from 10c to more than 25c each. Besides this the publication offers a five year subscription for one dollar and offers to give free a set of stamps which the Scott Stamp & Coin Company price in their price list at $1.60. How others can do this and we are forbid can only be explained in the manner as suggested at the beginning of this paragraph. Certainly some interested person got the ear of an attentive P. O. D. man.

Piqua (O.) Exhibition

The Piqua Philatelic Society is having an exhibit during the week of May 1st to 7th inclusive, to be held at the local Y. M. C. A. The public is cordially invited to this show which promises to be the largest yet held by the club.

Lonely is the word for a Tennessee post office, for that is the name of this newly established office. Apparently not a very busy place.

CONSTITUTION ISSUES

BRAZIL, 1 value	$ .06
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 3 values	.24
ECUADOR, 14 values, Air and Post	1.15
NICARAGUA, 12 Airmails	3.00
GUATEMALA, Pres. Roosevelt Sheet	.60
HONDURAS, 5 colored Airmail	.42
FRANCE, 1 value	.12
POLAND, 1 value	.32
SALVADOR (Expected April 15th)	.28
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CUBA, "Nations" Postage, 17 values	2.75
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FRANCE "Colonial Expos." 126 values	5.50
FRANCE, "100th So. Atlantic Airs"	.85
NEW ZEALAND "C. of C." 5 vals.	.60
ESTHONIA "Caritas" Sheet of 4	.95

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Antigua	.15	$ .68	Gilb. & Ellice	.21	4.25	No. Rhodesia	.19	.55
Australia	.09	1.10	Gold Coast	.16	1.30	Nyasaland	.13	2.00
Ascension	.18	6.50	Gr. Britain	.05	.30	Papua	.35	.70
Bahamas	.16	——	Grenada	.15	.72	Samoa	None	1.55
Barbados	.16	——	Hong Kong	.20	.40	Seychelles	.20	1.10
Basutoland	.18	——	India	None	.90	Sierre Leone	.17	.90
Bechuanaland	.16	——	Jamaica	.15	.77	Somaliland	.20	1.15
Bermuda	.16	——	Kenya	.22	.90	S.W. Africa	1.90	8.00
Br. Guiana	.17	.72	Leeward Is.	.15	.85	So. Rhodesia	2.00	.60
Brit. Hond.	.17	.76	Malta	.13	.70	Straits	.18	.65
Br. Solo Is.	.16	2.25	Mauritius	.25	10.50	St. Helena	.19	2.00
Canada	.05	.55	Montserrat	.15	1.10	St. Kitts	.15	.85
Cayman Is.	.12	.76	Mor. Agy. Br.	None	5.15	St. Lucia	.15	.90
Ceylon	.18	——	Mor. Agy. Fr.	.04	.70	St. Vincent	.15	.90
Cook Is.	.25	1.40	Mor. Agy. Sp.	.05	3.50	Swazieland	.17	.55
Cyprus	.18	.73	Nauru	.45	.55	Trinidad	.18	.80
Dominica	.16	.80	Newfoundland	.15	.70	Tangier	.05	1.10
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Fiji	.18	.85	New Zealand	.25	1.50	Un.S.Afr.(prs)	1.15	10.75
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INDIA 141-47	1.60	JUGOSLAVIA 856-9	.36	LITHUANIA 472-4	.32
ITALY 138-41	.90	LIBERIA 610-14	.68	LUXEMBURG 383-8	.60
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U. S. NOTES

Under this heading we will print notes on U. S. issues, past and present, and our readers are asked to submit interesting varieties or items. Be sure when requesting a reply to send a stamped envelope or card.

One million copies of the 15c U. S. map type airmail stamps were recently ordered printed.

—Washington Stamp News

Oliver V. Crumbaker, of Montana, reports finding a 50c 1894 with precancellation of Chicago dated "9-1." These dated precancels of Chicago are perhaps the commonest group of the period, existing in a great variety of dates and typeset varieties. This specimen catalogs $2.00 for a normal copy.

The postoffice of Tolley, N. Dak., used about 200 1c current issue bisected to make up the 1½c rate on Christmas cards to meet a shortage of stamps on Dec. 24, 1937. Bisects were affixed by postal clerks.

Our query recently as to date of birth of Martha Washington had results. Alex Naysmith of Chicago was first to advise that two books he had gave the date as June 21, 1731, while Glen Osborn of Pensacola, amplifies that with the information that June 21st was the date by the old calendar and by our present calendar the date would be July 2, 1731. Geo. Washington was actually born on Feb. 11, but his birthdate also had 11 days added due to change in calendar.

Helmuth, N. Y., though a post office, is not a town, this being Gowanda State Hospital about 30 miles south of Buffalo.

A dandy half page color photo of the scene on the 6c Parks is included in the adv. of Oregon in the April 23rd Saturday Evening Post. Recommended for clipping.

Back in 1896 three types of experimental backstamps were made which incorporated in the design movable inserts which would include the latest weather forecast. Postal Markings recently illustrated these.

Bids received by the Post Office Department in 1868 for printing stamps indicated that costs were much higher then than at present. In August, Butler & Carpenter bid 22c to 30c a thousand and the National Bank Note Co., New York, bid 25½c to 28½c. A George T. Jones of Washington, bid 18c to 25c and further declared his product could neither be cleaned or counterfeited. The National Bank Note Co. got the contract.

The April American Philatelist illustrates a cover recently discovered bearing four copies of a very crude Philippine 1898 provisional, the cover being obviously not of the made-to-order variety. The stamps were used at San Fernando, province of Union in Nov., 1898. They are on a poor grade of paper, perforated by a sewing machine, the total inscription being "98" at top, "5 CENT" at bottom and "CORREOS" diagonally, without rules, borders etc. of any kind.

Newfoundland New Issue

On May 12th, first anniversary of the Coronation, Newfoundland will place on sale four new stamps, replacing the current pictorials now nearly exhausted. The designs and colors are as follows: 2c green, King George VI; 3c red, Queen Elizabeth; 4c light blue, Princess Elizabeth; and 7c dark blue, Queen Mary.

An Irish newspaper is agitating for a set of pictorial stamps of that country picturing historic buildings and scenes.

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These cities are having a cachet for Air Mail Week, to be applied to all air mail during the entire week. Covers to Postmasters unless otherwise noted. Each expects to have mail picked up on one day of the week, generally on May 19th. If cachet is to be used only one day, date will be given. *Indicates will affix new 6c air mail if you send remittance for it.

Oregon—These towns: Ontario, Baker, Bend, LaGrande, Pendleton, Arlington, The Dalles, Lakeview, Klamath Falls, Chiloquin, Medford, Grants Pass, Cottage Grove, Corvallis, Roseburg, Marshfield, Eugene, Lakeside, Albany, Salem, Astoria, Tillamook, and Hillsboro, all on May 19th. Covers for Portland, Ore., to M. F. McCamley, 2135 N. Alberta St. E. E. Bryan, Box 304, Albany, will service 5 to 25 covers from that many towns if 1c forwarding is sent for each.

Other cities: Seattle, Wash.; Beatrice, Nebr., May 19; Sonora, Calif., to Sonora Stamp Club; Laconia, N. H. to C. of C.; Elkins, W. Va. to Chas. F. Harper, P. O. Clerk; Lancaster and Paradise, Pa. to E. F. Bauer, Jr., Conestoga, Pa., May 19; Donora, Pa., closes May 14; Fairfield, Iowa; Bloomington, Ill.*; Ironwood, Mich., May 19 to John L. Garland, 425 Vaughn; Hannibal, Mo. to Cachet Director, C. of C. May 19; Kirksville, Luray and Kahoka, Mo. May 19th pick-up but cachet uncertain; Chicopee, Mass.; Chester, Pa. to Carrier #23*; Marquette, Newbury and Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich., May 19; Helmuth, N. Y., one day; Cuyahoga Falls, Warren* and Findlay (May 19), O.; Jamaica (commemorating first of all flights in 1911), and Oneida, N. Y.; Omaha, Nebr.; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Windsor, Vt.; Compton, Calif.; Bristol, Va.; Morgantown, W. Va.; Fowler, Ind.; Athol, Mass. May 15 to H. A. Stockwell, 53 Traverse St.*; Hancock, Pa. to E. A. Walbert, Pres., East Penn. Collectors Club; Salem, N. J. to Thomas V. Wingate, Cachet Director. Will also handle covers for mailing at the other 26 Salem postoffices in U. S., if 1c forwarding on each is sent; Normal, Ill., special printed envelope free if you send stamps or money for new 6c to Carl E. Rhoads, P. O.; Norwich, N. Y. Seal to be affixed (honors Warren Eaton, founder of National Soaring Society); Hayward, Calif., special printed covers, send postage or * to C. of C.; Macon, Ga. send postage plus 1c for special two-color env. to E. W. Burke, Jr., Box 701; Madison, Nebr. 3-color printed. Send stamps only to C. W. Johnson, Box 185, Council Bluffs, Iowa, by May 10th; Emaus, Pa., to P. J. Fehnel, Box 411. Special stickers also, 1c each: Norristown, Pa. May 17th. To E. E. Schmidt, C. of C.; La Grange, Ill. May 19. Special printed envelope by C. of C., send stamps only; Harvey, Ill., May 19th. To Paul G. Wible, Thornton Twp. High School, Harvey. The Cover Exchange's address is Scranton, Pa. Box 733 - was omitted last week.

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No More ½c Precancels

Much has been said about the effects of the new precancel rulings, now postponed until July, but it seems to have been generally overlooked that in addition to denominations over 6c being no longer precancelled, the ½c stamp too is outlawed in precancel form. This stamp makes no rate by itself and since only one stamp of the correct denomination is to be used, it can be seen that there would be no necessity for the ½c precancelled. The new ½c Benjamin Franklin to be issued on May 19 may thus become a scarce item precancelled as it will be permitted to be precancelled only during the few weeks before the precancel order goes into effect.

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Editor's Notebook

DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENTS

Tucked away in government archives throughout the world are innumerable "constitutions" patterned after our own. The numerous complimentary (?) issues by foreign nations for our Constitution Sesquicentennial seem at first glance only natural and to be expected, nice gestures from sister republics, etc., etc. Unfortunately for their grandiose sentiments and symbolical designs, we cannot forget that a lot of the above-mentioned constitutions are wordy documents which everyone in those particular countries ignores through necessity or choice. We stamp collectors through the trickeries of reprinting, demonitisation and other devious governmental methods soon realize that face value is a very doubtful item. We learn not to accept too readily the declared face value of the purpose of an issue, the quantities issued, as well as the actual monetary face value of the stamps. The face value of the purpose and inscriptions of these Constitution stamps would also seem to be in the doubtful category. Though each of the seven countries are republics in name, all are in one form or another, dictatorships. Some of you no doubt have noticed this already but just in case you haven't let's run over the list.

France to end a situation where premiers were in office hardly long enough to hang up their hats, has gone in for one-man government. Poland has a President, but military chiefs have long done all the presiding. Of the five Latin-American issuers we find all are ruled by various types of the age-old Latin style "President." The torch of freedom on the Dominican set is ridiculously ironic when it is considered that liberty is a scarce article in the country ruled by General Trujillo in a rather bloody way. Nicaragua's set of 12 is not quite large enough to hide the fact that the present chief executive last made the news when lining up artillery to literally bombard out of office the elected president. Guatemala's Constitution hides from another general who doesn't tolerate any such nonsense as political opposition. Honduras' chief is ruling on an "extension" of his term, while Brazil's "President" achieved the same purpose by simply cancelling an election he was going to lose. Most doubtful compliment of all is paid by that pretty set of 14 from Ecuador, which was slightly delayed in appearance due to the government suffering temporary disruption when military chiefs insisted on the President going abroad for his health.

No wonder stamp collectors indulge in cynical expressions when the purpose of some new set is announced. The best compliment in the whole parade of Constitutions is that to date there has not been even a hint of anything shady in their issue. None have been sold down the river to speculators, all were issued at post offices to all comers, all are still acceptable for postage and the cost has with one exception been in the "cents" column. Personally, we can't decide if these issues are compliments to our Constitution—or Bronx cheers. Perhaps at that, the fact of these countries being able to achieve only an imitation of democracy makes the tribute to our Constitution more sincere, if tragically so. There can be no doubt that this group of stamps is in a class all by itself, unique in the history of philately.

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News of Mr. Hiler

Mr. Elbert L. Hiler, of London, who arrived at Sidney recently by the "Malaita" from the South Sea Islands, has written more than 125,000 letters, bearing 500,000 stamps, to himself. They will be waiting for him when he returns to London.

Mr. Hiler will spend three weeks in Sydney before returning to England, via New Zealand.

He said that in the last five months he had travelled 30,000 miles in the South Seas and spent £5,150 on Coronation stamps, which he had posted home to himself.

"My transport bill by air-liner and ship to remote island ports has reached more than £1,250," he told me in an interview.

"In Papua, I bought 40,000 stamps, put them on 10,000 letters, and sent them to myself in London. In New Guinea, I did the same, and I also secured 10,000 Edward VIII pennies at three-pence each."

In the Solomon Islands, he bought 135,000 stamps, and on arrival at Sydney declared the whole lot to the Customs officials.

Mr. Hiler secured many of the rare Papuan "halo round King George's head" penny stamps, worth ten times their face value, and the "double impression" New Guinea fivepenny stamp, which sells at 20 times its face value.—*The People.*

S. P. A. Convention Plans

Committees have been appointed by the Washington Stamp Club of Chicago to handle the S. P. A. Convention in August. The chairmen are: Olaf Nagel, General Chairman; Fred W. Peters, Presiding Chairman; Fred Diamond, Secretary Treasurer; Simon Jacobson, Credentials; Walter N. Emerson, Publicity; Olaf Nagel and Henry Kuhlman, Auction; Milton Klein and Leonard Wolf, Entertainment; Fred W. Peters, Transportation; Elmer Stuart, Exhibition; Alfred Diamond, Bourse; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westphal, Reception; and Joseph Unseitig, Jr. and Ralph Shorr, Registration. All communications should be addressed to Room 205, 58 W. Washington St., Chicago.

Stamp Flowers

There have been pictures, dresses and post cards made of stamps and even furniture using them. We are shown samples of "Stamp Flowers" made by cutting common U. S. stamps into petals and leaves and stems for imitations of flowers, which lying flat measure several inches in the longest dimension. Mrs. Cecil Ritchey of Center Point, Kansas, submits a number of these curious items all cleverly put together. Mrs. Ritchey wonders if collectors would want them for album decorations?

Bureau Precancel Stock For Sale

Here is a wonderful opportunity for a dealer or for anyone wishing to acquire a stock of Bureau Precancels for the purpose of entering into the trade. It will be noticed that this stock is strong in the old style first issues. In fact much stronger than in the current issue. The following figures show what is in the stock. Please note that the valuations quoted are based on the 19th edition of the Bureau Catalog of August 1937. This is the catalogue that was current when the stock was arranged for disposal. For instance you will note that of a total of 1142 varieties of the Old Style Stamps, the stock shows 835 varieties, over 73% of all the varieties. While of the current stamps the stock shows less than 50% of the known varieties, thus showing that the strength of this stock is in the better old style issues. Following is a list of the stock.

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The above stock shows a total of 40,962 single stamps and 1176 blocks, and by reducing the blocks of four to single stamps, we have a total of 45,666 stamps, with a total catalogue value of $4331.81. This gives us an average of just a shade over 9½c per stamp for catalog value.

This stock originally contained several thousand of the common values in large quantities. I have removed these large quantities so that at the present time, there are only a small number of instances where there are more than 100 copies of any single variety. This therefore makes the stock an excellent buy for any dealer who wants stamps of this type which are fast becoming among the most popular of U. S. Issues. Personally I have no time nor inclination to deal in stamps and want to clear this material off my hands. I would consider this an excellent buy for any dealer at 10% of catalog. It will doubtless catalog above my figures by the latest catalog. I will sell the lot for $400.00 cash. The entire stock is neatly arranged on approval cards in proper manner and the surplus quantities where quantity is too large to go in a strip on the card, are in envelopes and properly sorted and classified.

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Correspondence invited from interested parties.

GEORGE W. LINN 531 N. Park St. COLUMBUS, OHIO

More French Forgeries

The postal administration discovered in August, 1937, that a certain number of parcels were being franked with forged stamps of 50c and 30c of the "Peace" type, very well imitated. They had been sold to the director of a laboratory by one Paul Ferre.

He and M. Gabriel Lavergne, tobacconist, of Saint-Ouen, appeared before the 16th Correctional Court, when Ferre was sentenced to thirteen months imprisonment and a fine of 200 francs. M. Lavergne was acquitted. The postal administration was awarded 20,000 francs damages.

—Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.

Pan-Americans Featured

The exhibition in connection with the 1938 convention of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society will feature a Pan-American Section to include postal issues of our sister republics. The affair will be held Sept. 23rd to 25th at Hotel Montrose, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Greece Regulates Imports

On February 22 the Greek government announced new regulations to be followed in the import and export of postage stamps. Stamps imported can be paid for only on an exchange basis, payment in funds of Greece or other nations being forbidden. Greek stamps may be exported and be paid for in exchange or in funds of any country. Stamp shipments to or from Greek dealers must first obtain a permit from the bank of Greece, filing a statement of value with the Bank for that purpose. Shipments valued at $10 or under are exempted except that statement be filed with the nearest post office handling the shipment.

Liberia's First Inland P. O.

On February 15th, Liberia opened its first inland post office, the Hon. Dixon Brown, Postmaster General, officiating at the opening. The Postmaster General said he looked for the opening of telephone service between the capital, Monrovia, and Kakata.

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IT'S THE METERS

Noised around at Indianapolis and now in the precancel press is the belief that lobbying by the meter companies had more to do with the recent ruling on precancels than anything else. This argument seems very plausible to me, and would to any one who has heard one of their representatives talk about the efficiency of their machines. It was my privilege to listen to such a talk some few months back. I think I mentioned the fact in this column then. There are of course other contributing factors leading up to the ruling, and it is my opinion as well as of several other writers that the collectors annoying postmasters for precancels and bureaus, many times in the case of the latter before they even got to the office, was a factor not overlooked. Re-use while an actuality, was hardly a prime factor in the decision altho it cannot be doubted that the meter companies played this up to the very 'nth degree to post office officials. As often said in the philatelic press a little common sense and cooperation with collectors and dealers on the part of the officials and inspectors, and re-use would have been held to a negligible minimum.

END STAMPS

Stamp collectors are peculiar cusses, aren't they? That which is medicine to one is poison to another. Take the case of end stamps on the bureau sheet items. Often we note the stamp showing either the right or left end of the plate. Some collectors don't want these at all. I know of a case where double catalog was bid on a stamp with the stipulation that the bid NOT be recorded if the stamp was an end stamp. Also I know cases where a collector had a certain stamp and was offered another copy, this one an end stamp and he bought it. He wanted it because it showed the end of the plate and showed the selvage. One collector wouldn't accept a split as a gift, the fellow that comes after him will save it as a variety. And so it goes. Things like that make the wheels go around.

ON THE AIR

I have a letter at hand from Moriz Bernstein, the Promotional Secretary of the Precancel Stamp Society, stating that if collectors will write in to their local NBC network stations saying that they enjoy the stamp programs put on by the network and that they would like to hear a broadcast on PRECANCELS, that they will stand a very good chance of being rewarded for their efforts. So if you would like to hear about PRECANCELS on the air, write a letter NOW to your local NBC station. Readers of this column and not precancel collectors are invited to help us out on this project.

U-17 CHECK LIST.

I have at hand a mimeographed check list of U-17 electro items from the collection of Walt McIntosh, 87 E. Wyoming Ave. Melrose, Mass. This list will be of great interest to collectors of these items and I imagine that Mr. McIntosh will be glad to supply collectors with a copy if they are sincerely interested, and think they have an item or two worthy of trading. I noted several towns listed as using a U-17 that I have never seen. Namely Springfield, Ohio and New Castle Ind.

AUSTRALASIAN NOTES

S. ZELENKO

AUSTRALIAN

The 150th Anniversary Philatelic Exhibition which is taking place at the Sydney Town Hall from April 4th to 16th, has assembled over 400 collections from all parts of the world, with an aggregate of approximately four million stamps. It is estimated that the total value of the exhibits exceeds two million dollars.

Special Exhibition cancellation postmarks and registration labels will be in use at the Town Hall during the Exhibition. No minature sheets will be issued.

The stamp trade is slowly gaining prominence in Australia. One has only to look up a local stamp paper to note the quite feverish activities of a score of recently established dealers. The daily papers have recently also made quite a few references to the stamp trade. Articles entitled "Money in stamps," " Stamp dealer makes good in Sydney", etc. found in the editorial pages will make many a man wonder just what in the world are stamps.

Just as London has its Strand and New York its Nassau street, so has Sydney its Royal Arcade which is rapidly becoming the stamp center of Australia.

NEW ZEALAND

The 3d. and 9d. pictorial stamps overprinted "Official" have replaced on March 1, the same denominations of the King George V issue similarly overprinted. All the King George V stamps overprinted "Official" are now out of issue.

TONGA ISLDS.

A letter which we received recently from Mr. W. G. Quensell (known better perhaps as the Tin Can Mail Man) adds a few more interesting details to the history of the Tin Can Mail of Niuafoou Island in the Tongan Group, which has captured the imagination of countless thousands of collectors.

Mr. Quensell who originated the Tin Can Mail arrived at Niuafoou in 1919 and has not left the Island (He calls it the Rock) since. During the 20 years he has despatched approximately 500,000 covers to some 62 countries. He averages now 500 covers per month, but sometimes this number increases to 1500, which tells of the large numbers of collectors interested in this speck of land found on the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean.

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The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

By RAY SHEPARD — 1529 Duxberry Ave. — COLUMBUS, OHIO

ANDORRA—Spanish Administration. Type of 1929, unwmkd., perf 11½x11, without control number:

A3—50c. deep orange

Special Delivery Stamp. Type of 1929, unwmkd., perf. 11½x11, without control number:

SD2—20c. red

French Administration. Perf 13. View of St. Anthony's Bridge:

A51—65c. blue

Postage Due Stamp. Unwmkd. perf. 13½.

D2—5c. light blue

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

AUSTRIA—Quantities printed of the Railway Centenary stamps, noted by us December 18, 1937, were: 12g.—6,000,000; 25g.—1,500,000; 35g.—1,000,000.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

CONGO—National Parks Set. Pictorial designs, photogravure, sheets of 100, 2 panes of 50 (5 x 10), unwmkd., perf. 11½. Two higher values are horizontal, rest of set upright format:

5c. purple & black (Riv. Molindi)
90c. carmine & brown (Bamboos)
1.50f. chocolate & black (Riv Suza)
2.40f. slate & brown (Riv Rutshuru)
2.50f. blue & black (Karisimbi)
4.50f. green & brown (Mitumba)

(R. Roberts)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Following are the quantities printed of two recently noted sets: Father Billini (noted by us Feb. 26th), ½c.—300,000; 5c—200,000. U.S. Constitution Commemoratives (noted by us March 19th), 1c.—500,000; 3c—1,000,000; 10c.—150,000.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

ESTONIA—Semi-Postals. Upright format, designs being armorial bearings of various cities. Unwmkd. perf 13½. Paper with gray network:

10s. plus 10s. dark brown
15s. " 15s. carmine & green
25s. " 25s. dark blue & carmine
50s. " 50s. black & yellow-orange

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

FALKLAND ISLANDS. For the information of our readers, Scott's now list the new shade mentioned by us in our notes of October 23, 1937, as a sub-number under their regular #60, as a. 1sh. emerald green.

FRANCE—New shade.

3fr. deep violet

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

GERMANY—The following German Commemorative stamps were demonitized at the end of 1937: 1928-31 Graf Zeppelin 1, 2 and 4m.; 1933 Graf Zeppelin Chicago Flight; 1936-40pf. "Lufthansa" Anniversary, Berlin Motor Show; Hindenburg Trans Atlantic flight, Otto von Guericke, Local Government Congress, Hamburg Health Congress and Nuremburg Congress.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

GREECE—Number printed of the Royal Wedding stamps were: 1dr.—2,000,000; 3dr. 5,000,000; 8dr.—1,000,000.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

HONG KONG—Provisional Issue. An unusual run on the current 5c. postage stamps resulted in stocks becoming completely exhausted in January, and, as fresh supplies were not expected before the end of the month, beginning January 11th, the Post Office authorized the 5c. green Stamp Duty fiscal for postal use. The authorization was withdrawn on January 21st., and only the 5c. revenue stamp was so used. There is no doubt that covers with these stamps so used will be scarce.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Postage Dues. Typographed, sheets of 100 (10x10), wmkd. script C.A., perf. 14. New colors:

D1— 2c. gray
D1— 4c. orange
D1—6c. carmine-rose
D1—10c. violet

(R. Roberts)

LIECHTENSTEIN—Photogravure. Sheets of 25 (5x5) unwmkd., granite paper, perf. 11½. Horizontal format.

1.50fr. slate (pictorial landscape)

Official Stamp. Above overprinted same as Scott's #709.

(R. Roberts)

MEXICO — Official Stamps. Under-noted, overprinted same as Scott's #1818:

A84—20c. deep blue

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

MALTA—New King George VI Designs. King's head in medallion in frame. Engraved, sheets of 60 (10x6) for both the horizontal and vertical format stamps, except the ¼d., which is 120 (8x15). Wmkd. script C. A., perf. 12½. ¼d. is smaller than the rest and similar to Scott's A10. ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4½d., 1s6p., 2s. and 2s6p. are horizontal, the rest are upright:

¼d. sepia (Grand Harbor)
½d. pale green (H.M.S. St. Angelo)
1d. brown (Verdala Palace)
1½d. rose (Hypogeum)
2d. slate (Gozo Citadel)
2½d. blue (De Lisle Adam at Medina)
3d. violet (St. Johns Co Cathedral)
4½d. yellow-brown & olive (Mnajdra Temple)
6d. rose & olive (Statue of Vilhena)
1s. black (Maltese Girl)
1s6p. sage green & black (S. Publius)
2s. slate & yellow (Mdina)
2s6p. carmine & black (Statue of Neptune)
5s. blue-green & black (Palace Square)
10s. lake & black (St. Paul)

(R. Roberts)

NEW ZEALAND—Official. Engraved, sheets of 240 (24 x 10) wmkd. mult. N. Z. and Star, perf. 13x13½. Overprint same as Scott's #562:

A61—2d. orange (Maori Warehouse)

(R. Roberts)

PANAMA—Quantities issued of the Central American Olympic Games stamps, chronicled by us April 2nd., were: 1c., 7c. and 8c. 200,000 each; 2c.—350,000; and 15c.—50,000.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

NORTHERN RHODESIA—King George VI Issue. Engraved, sheets of 120 (10x12), script wmkd., crown and C.A., perf. 12½. Same design as King George V Issue, with head of King George VI substituted facing right:

½d. green
1d. sepia
1½d. rose
2d. ochre
3d. blue
4d. violet
6d. gray
1s. black & ochre
2s6d. green & black
3s. slate-blue & purple
5s. purple & gray
10s. black & green
20s. purple & carmine

(R. Roberts)

ESTONIA—Scott's tentatively list Nos. 286, 287, 288 and 289, printed in a miniature sheet of four inscribed "UHISABI CARITAS 1938 A" in upper margin "LISAMAKS VANADE INTELLIGENTDE KODU HEAKS' 'in lower margin.

PORTUGAL—Geographical Society. Sheets of 96 (12x8) unwmkd., chalky surfaced paper, perf. 11x11½:

F4—black, pale emerald & scarlet

(R. Roberts)

SYRIA—145,000 copies were prepared of the provisional stamp noted by us April 2nd. Issued because of a change in postal rates and no errors or varieties of the surcharge have been reported or are known to exist.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

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BROADWAY CHATTER

BY BIS TANDER

The new Iran (Persia) miniature sheets made their appearance in New York. This set consists of eleven different sheets. Three New York dealers, all having their offices in 116 Nassau St., advertised these sheets in the New York Sun Classified Stamp Exchange under the heading of Miniature Sheets at prices ranging from $9.50 to $12.50. I tried to find out which one's supply was better than the others, but it seems the sheets were all the same. I am going to ask them how many sets each of them sold?

What gripes me is that 11 sheets have to be issued instead of one. It is a shame that these sheets are allowed to be foisted on the general stamp public. What surprises me is that some countries have failed to issue miniature sheets as yet. But I suppose we must give them a chance.

A large deluge of Russian cancelled to order stamps have made their appearance. I suppose this is an attempt to lend credibility to their recent issues.

Well at last the rush for Austrian stamps has slackened. No one had any real stock of this country, and whatever stock there was seems to have been bought up by speculators. Dealers are not buying any supplies from speculators, but are waiting for the market to cool off before trying to take care of customers' orders at reasonable prices.

In my first column, I spoke of increased stamp robberies. Since the first of the year collectors and dealers have suffered greatly through the operation of stamp crooks. For your own protection be careful of any stamps that are offered you below regular market price.

One New York dealer in his recent advertisements, mentions that he belongs to all the leading stamp societies. Boy, is he receiving mail from all the stamp clubs who feel that he has slighted them. Most of them are enclosing application cards.

Wandered into Gimbels yesterday, noted the large business they are doing in selling envelopes for the coming first day covers. This is true for many dealers who specialize in that field.

A few lots of Farleys made their appearance and were readily snapped up. Prices seem to have steadied on that issue. Much of the former surplus of these stamps has been shipped abroad.

Scott Firm Changes Hands

On March 17th Hugh M. Clark, treasurer and general manager of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., became sole owner of the firm. Just recently the firm has been dissolved and replaced with two new corporations, the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Inc., which will, under ownership of Norman Serphos, handle all stamp sales and retail sales of Scott publications. Mr. Serphos bought the entire stock of stamps. Mr. Clark will continue to publish the catalogs, albums, etc., under the new firm of Scott Publications, Inc. The only stamps retained by him were the U. S. reference collection formed originally by John N. Luff. Serphos' will publish Scott's Monthly Journal and in addition to the retail stamp business has taken over the auction subsidiary of J. C. Morgenthau, Inc.

NAJEX

The National Junior Stamp Exhibition (NAJEX-1938) will be held May 13 and 14 at 2 West 46th St., New York City. This is a competition for junior collectors, age 8 to 18, and is composed of winning exhibits from local junior stamp club exhibitions. Details may be obtained of Frank L. Wilson at the New York address.

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2349	.14	*2455	.18	*2575	.09
*2350	.09	2455	.12	*2581	.05
*2351	.65	2456	.80	*2582	.12
2351	.70	2462	.05	*2587	.12
*2352	.07	2463	.20	*2589	.25
*2357	1.40	*2470	.10	2602	.18
*2358	1.50	2470	.06	2607	.80
*2359	1.40	*2471	.30	2609	.22
*2360	1.40	*2473	.18	2612	.16
*2361	1.40	2479a	.06	2618	.11
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The General Wildlife Federation, Investment Bldg., Washington, D. C., is offering the remainders of their Wildlife Week poster stamps at $1.00 per sheet of 100 designs and though not postage stamps we mention this in case you are interested in such labels.

Air Week Contest

The American Air Mail Society is sponsoring a national contest to promote interest in National Air Mail Week, offering prizes to winners of three divisions. The first division is for the best local aero-philatelic frames or displays by entrants in their community designed to acquaint the public with the advantages, etc., of air mail service and a better understanding of air mail collecting. A photo of exhibit will be sufficient for entry, though a 150-word description may accompany it. The second division is for the most attractive and significant cachet used in connection with local air mail pick-up service during the week. A proof in advance of the event may be sent for exhibit at the Convention. The third division is for photos of the local air mail "Pilot-for-a-day," which may include the plane, ceremonies, etc. Anyone may submit a photo, but if taken by a newspaper a release must accompany photo. Entries in all classes should be sent to the A. A. M. S., Air Mail Week Contest, Albion, Pa. First division entries to reach them no later than May 21; second division no later than May 23; and third division by May 25. Those in the second division for exhibit at Convention should be addressed to Walter J. Conrath, Suwannee Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla. Numerous fine prizes are to be given, including set of 1918 airs unused, a Garden City pioneer cover of 1911, covers of the 1918 service, etc. Everyone entering the contest will receive a first cover of the new 6c air with a certificate and autographs of the Supt. of Air Mail Service and officers of the A. A. M. S.

The Stamp Trade

A discussion of Stamp Collecting and Stamp Dealing from the Business angle by the Managing Editor.

GEORGE W. LINN

EXCUSE IT, PLEASE

The new Number Seven Unit for 19th century U. S. Postage stamps was originally announced for about April 1st. In our issue of April 9, we printed an announcement that the Unit was now ready. This announcement was made in the belief that we would be able to start shipping the Units to those who had ordered by the time the paper was ready to mail. We regret however that the big rush for Pictorial Envelopes upset our schedule to such an extent that we failed to make the schedule and we can now say that all orders for this Unit which were in our hands up to the middle of April and even up to the end of this month, have now been mailed.

For almost a month we had two presses running steadily on printing only envelopes for first day of the coming Presidential stamps and the new Air Mail stamp. Already we have printed close to 200,000 envelopes for these stamps and shall have to print a large number more.

MAX OHLMAN ILL

Max Ohlman, well known New York Auction Dealer, has been ill at home for more than three weeks. Mr. Ohlman asks that correspondents have patience with him and that all business matters will be attended to as rapidly as possible.

NOT OUR FAULT

Many collectors who have previously bought sets of Presidential envelopes are now writing and complaining because they did not get the Franklin, Martha Washington and White House Covers with the sets. Please understand that for our part, and other dealers find themselves in the same predicament, we can only supply what we offer for we offer only what we know is to be issued. Many of these sets were sold before the latter three stamps were announced and when announced it takes us a few days to get pictures, have cuts made and print special envelopes. We then announce them in the paper and are ready to fill orders, but we cannot know about these things till Mr. Farley makes up his mind, so do not blame us but watch the paper and order what you need.

The Empire Stamp Company of Toronto, Canada, have purchased the stock of M. A. Bessey of Toronto. The Empire Company are preparing a large illustrated wholesale catalogue of Canada and Newfoundland which will be ready for distribution soon.

STEVE GOES RUSSIAN

Steve Rich displays his familiarity with Russian manners and methods in an editorial in the latest "Bee." Steve uses a whole lot of space to pan the P. O. D. about the change in rules in the Precancel Game and then after getting the matter out of his system says "Yah, Yah, you can't make me mad for Precancels will be more popular than ever because of your funny business."

Does it occur to you, Stevie, that if the P. O. D. follows up their own suggestions as to the limited use of a stamp that will fit the proper postage rate without the use of extra stamps that as soon as the new 4½c stamp makes its appearance that there will be no need to precancel the ½c stamp? The only postage rates we have which involve a half cent are 1½c and 4½c so why have a ½c precancel.

But we can agree with you that this restricted use of precancels should do more than anything else to popularize the hobby.

A QUEER SITUATION

With the new set up of the Scott Business, we will have a queer situation. Will Mr. Clark price the catalogue which he is to publish, thus putting him in the position of pricing stamps for Mr. Serphos and all other dealers, altho he himself is not a stamp dealer and will lack much in contacts that he has had in the past and which were an asset for the man who priced the catalogue or will Mr. Serphos price the stamps he has to sell and tell Mr. Clark what prices to put on them in the catalogue that he (Mr. Clark) will print. Yoo Hoo!

Liechtenstein Too?

Chamois Hunter

Prince Francis

Vaduz Castle

News flashes report that there has been an increase in Nazi activity in the tiny principality of Liechtenstein and it is feared they may try to add the little country to Germany. The government has announced it will "resist with all its power" any attempt to take the country. On March 30th, Prince Francis I resigned as ruler of the country, turning the government over to his youthful heir, Prince Franz Josef. Apparently it is hoped that the 32 year old bachelor may have the activity necessary to preserve his country's independence. Prince Francis is 85 years old and has appeared on various issues of the stamps. The country with an area of 62 square miles ranks fourth in Europe's smallest independent states. The population totals about 10,000 and as a result of their limited use of the postal system, the major portion of the postal revenues is attributed to stamp collectors.

Guatemala Plans New Airs

Bids were asked recently by the Ministry of Finance of Guatemala for supplying 4,700,000 new airmail stamps. These will comprise a set of 11 values for interior airmail and 12 values for the exterior service. The designs will be in three colors, one for the background, one for the central subject and a "Quetzal bird" in blue-green on each.

The originals of the designs of King George VI's portrait on the new colonial issues, were two photographs taken by a Bertram Park. One is a side view of the king in civilian clothes and the other a full face view of him in admiral's uniform.

Through an error some first flight covers from Walla Walla, Washington, on Dec. 4, 1937, received the cachet in green instead of magenta. Few were sent.

The post office building in Bogota, capital of Colombia, was originally a monastery.

Czech Exhibition

Advance illustrations have been sent out of the miniature sheet to be issued for PRAGA, the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in the Czech capital of that name from June 26 to July 4. The souvenir sheet will include a single of each of two stamps perforated, a 50h showing the "High Castle" seat of early Czech rulers and a 1k showing the present palace of the President, the Hradcany. A sheet of souvenir labels has already been issued to advertise the show.

A picture of convention attendants to the A. P. S. 1902 convention was printed on the front page of the Springfield Shopping News as part of the publicity of the recent stamp show held in the Massachussets city.

Something different in the way of postal employees' activities is the "St. Louis Postal Employees' National Air Mail Flower Show" of March 31 and April 1, a cachet of which is at hand. We wonder in what way an "Air Mail Flower Show" differs from just plain "Flower Shows?"

Naval Cancels — Cachets

By FREDERICK W. HORTON
ANCS 656
P.O. Box 390, Port Chester, N. Y.

(*) Means include forwarding of 1c per cover.

R. Harvey, P. O. Box 2494, Hollywood, California, will sponsor a Memorial Day cachet from 10 different ships. Send covers unsealed in sets of 10 with (*). Deadline May 26.

The Navy Yard P. O. at Bremerton, Wash., is preparing a special Air Mail Navy cachet for use on air mail covers during Air Mail Week May 15-21. Send air mail covers to E. F. Pursell, Supt. Navy Yard Station, Bremerton, Wash.

T. G. Nicholson, P. O. Box 32, Portsmouth, Va., will sponsor the following events: No. 1 First Day commission U.S.S. St. Louis. No. 2 F D Post Office U.S.S. St. Louis. No. 3 Shakedown cruise of the U.S.S. St. Louis, covers for shakedown in sets of 8, ten covers for complete set. Mr. Nicholson is still holding covers for the commissioning and First Day P. O. of the Rowan and Stack. (*).

V. C. Timmerman, Box 34, Sta. Y., Brooklyn, N Y., will sponsor a printed cachet commemorating the anniversary of the disappearance of Amelia Earhart at sea. Collectors desiring covers should send only one 6¾ envelope, addressed, stamped, unsealed and unstuffed. Surplus covers, as well as odd-sized covers, will be returned. Closing date June 20. Covers will be mailed from a naval ship.

Your column editor will sponsor a cachet for the shakedown cruise of the submarine U.S.S. Seal, cachet will be designed by P. J. Ickeringill. Send covers in sets of 10 with (*). Deadline May 25. Rush covers as soon as possible. The submarine Seal will be commissioned on April 30, and leave on SDC June 1.

Walter Czubay, 3117—36 Street, Astoria, L. I., N. Y., will sponsor a cachet for the arrival of the new German Zeppelin LZ130, this spring. Covers will be mailed from a naval ship and Lakehurst, N. J. Another cachet for the anniversary of Lindbergh's flight to Paris. Covers will be mailed from the U.S.S. New York and U.S.S. ————?, as there is no U.S.S. Paris, so will do the next best. (*). Send covers prepared at once as time is short.

With this issue we are starting a check list of U.S. naval ships decommissioned during the year 1937. This list was compiled by Fred Obst of Meriden, Conn. I wish to thank Fred for his co-operation in making this check list possible. We will list the ships by month starting with January, 1937, and each week continue the list until completed. First will be the ship's name, followed by ship's number, killer bars reading, city of decommissioning, date, and number of different sponsors who covered decommissioning.

USS Blakely, DD 150, (Navy Yard, Phila.), Phila., Jan. 6, 8 sponsors.

USS Cole, DD 155, (Last day Comm.), Phila., Jan. 7, 7 diff. sponsors.

USS Bernadou, DD 153, (USS 158 decom. Phila.), Phila., Jan. 8, 7 sponsors.

USS Greer, DD 145, (Last day Comm.), Phila., Jan. 19, 7 diff. sponsors.

USS Dupont, DD 152, (Nothing in killer), Phila., Jan. 14, 7 sponsors.

USS Tarbell, DD 142, (Navy Yard, Phila.), Phila., Jan. 15, 7 sponsors.

Cocoa is the "gold" of Gold Coast, though prospectors have found some of the shiny metal too.

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While the P. O. D. has forced us to raise our subscription price to 50c per year in order that we might operate under the many commission and discount plans as provided for in the Postal Laws and Regulations, we were officially advised that we might make a SPECIAL OFFER OF FOUR YEARS FOR ONE DOLLAR. That, therefore, is the plan for Linn's 10,000 Club. We are after a total of ten thousand dollar subscriptions as quickly as we can muster that number. This will put us in fine shape to put in the new equipment we have been planning for and to improve the paper in many ways. We have the organization and are ready to go just so soon as we can provide the funds. The offer certainly cannot be kept open indefinitely and you should take advantage of it now if you have not already done so. If you are fixed up, tell your friends.

If you do not think that four years for one dollar is enough for your money, then send your dollar to the Country Gentleman, it's a paper that gives you twice as much for your money as Linn's can afford to give and it sells at five years for one dollar. Of course if the Philatelic Vote was as strong as Jim Farley has often claimed when he says ten million stamp collectors, they probably would not have stepped on our tail as they did, but they will probably find out in the end that a Philatelist has a lusty howl. Let us have your subscription now.

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